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The signal service bureau report indicates for Georgia to-day, fair weather, easterly wind, stationary or higher barometer, stationary temperature.

MR. BROWN, of Indiana, is a very sensible congressman. His views on the franking question should be read since they tell the exact truth about the loads of postage the poor congressman has to pay—less than what he gets cash to pay with.

YESTERDAY'S weather is worth noticing, the change is so great. We must have got the tail end of a blizzard. The cold came from the far northwest. It is noted that snow fell in Cincinnati and ice formed in Delaware; and we were lucky to escape as we did.

SOUTHERN crops, according to the national agricultural bureau, show a marked increase of acreage of food crops and a decrease of fertilizer sales. The returns are deficient in many points, but they suffice to show that king corn is fighting bravely with king cotton.

Allice McCoy is of bad character, as has been stated, the discharge of Conductor Hammond, of the Upton cotton railroad, is a honest punishment. White or yellow, he acted for the best, but unless he was sure of his ground he should not have had her ejected.

GUITEAU'S sister, Mrs. Souville, is indefatigable in his behalf. Her latest move is the shrewdest yet. It is that she shall be appointed conservator of the estate and person of Guiteau as an insane person. The new phase of the case is bound to attract attention.

CHARLES READE'S fertile and facile pen celebrated in fervid language the deeds of James Lambert, the Scotch life-saver, whom the English novelist ranks among the first heroes of the world. In an humble way Charlie Douglas has done enough to make him Atlanta's James Lambert.

ATHENS, according to Judge W. B. Thomas, hopes to more than compete with Atlanta and to become a great city when the Richmond and Danville connection at Knoxville is made. Doubtless Athens will grow. She deserves to, and her progress is gratifying, as that of every Georgia town is.

SHIPPER is losing his temper and becoming uninteresting. Practically everything he knows has now been got out of him; or at least all that a congressional committee can ever get. The sum total will not be very much, the greatest part being the showing of Shipper as a giant visionary speculator.

We have frequently heard of changing the line of a railroad so that it would go by a town, but it is reserved to Major McCracken, of the Macon extension, to propose to move a town to the line of railroad. This is what he did when the citizens of McDonough called on him and offered him \$30,000 to bend his line a bit.

A solid business man's opinion of business enterprise is worth having. That of Mr. G. W. Perkins will be of especial interest to Atlanta people, since he tells them how they are to be benefited by the Georgia Pacific, in which Mr. Perkins is largely interested. His statements certainly are enticing and flattering to Atlanta people.

A GENUINE old inhabitant is rare to find, but Mr. J. W. McCord, of Jackson, can claim this title, and his tale of the history of Butts county's active little town is interesting, as being history told by an eye witness. Jackson itself is starting into note, and when it gets its new railroad in two weeks from now it will have some title to attention considerable.

GEORGIA'S druggists are a remarkably able body of men. More depends on the action of the druggist than on that of any other class of man since life and death are in their hands far more than in the doctors'. Therefore, the druggist needs qualities which are hard to find. These qualities are largely found among the gentlemen who are now in meeting in Atlanta.

Is the opinion of most men able to judge—Alexander H. Stephens among them—Senator Brown's speech on the tariff commission bill is one of the clearest and most comprehensive expositions of the vexed question of tariff or free trade ever made in the United States senate.

JEFFERSON'S arrival is made the occasion of much interesting elephant lore. The huge animal of whom Minister Lowell said, forgetting the Americans languishing in jail, that he was the only living question between the United States and England, is now safe in the Madison Square garden. There the greatest of all American humbugs can flatter himself, when looking on his prize, in that the name of Barnum has received a greater free advertisement than ever in all his life before, not excepting the Jenny Lind time.

THE SINKING FUND.

THE CONSTITUTION has never accepted the doctrine which teaches that a public debt is a crime, and instead of stopping all public borrowing, it has been glad to see the last bond issue. It does not believe either in the wisdom or the propriety of property that does not bear its proportion of taxation, or in the wisdom of power that naturally grows out of the public debt. It believes that the

country could spare the national banks and be happy yet. The control of the finances of a great people is not necessarily a part of our system of government, and when the public debt ceases to exist, we will come nearer, witnessing a return after a long absence, of the republic of the fathers, than we are likely to under any other known set of circumstances.

And this consummation will not be long postponed if the course of payment is reasonably well maintained. We find in the New York Times on recent date some interesting facts in relation to this subject. As is well known, we are redeeming the debt under the sinking fund provisions of the act of 1862, which has never been essentially amended. This act provides that one per cent of the total debt of the United States is to be bought up or redeemed each year, this sum to be taken out of the duties on imported goods after the coin interest on outstanding obligations has been paid. In order to find how this obligation has been kept, we have to go back to Secretary Morrill's report of December, 1876, which contains the whole history of the fund down to June 30, 1876. At that time the sinking fund had in excess of legal requirements an immense sum, and we adopt the table of the Times to show the condition of the fund down to June 30, 1881:

To June 30.	Short.	In Excess.
1876	\$ 9,225,146.87	\$23,144,011.07
1877	18,415,507.31	36,231,632.57
1878	36,231,632.57	35,972,973.86
1879	35,972,973.86	33,311,265.81
1880	33,311,265.81	30,872,836.21
1881	30,872,836.21	28,755,913.93
Total.	163,872,836.21	\$ 8,628,250.74
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Excess for 1881		\$28,755,913.93

Last December Secretary Folger reported "that the amount of bonds redeemed during the months of July, August, September and October of the present year is in excess of the requirements of the sinking fund for the entire year by the sum of \$6,176,503.50," and it is therefore safe to say that at the end of this fiscal year the sinking fund will hold fully three hundred millions more than the law calls for. In other words, we will have redeemed the debt six years in advance. But this fact does not in the least impair the wisdom of redeeming the remainder of the debt as fast as may be practicable. It is always sound and good business in individuals to pay debt behind them, and the aggregation of individuals, called nations, are not by any means exempt from this rule. What is good for one man is good for a community of men in the matter of debt; and the mere fact that we have been fortunate enough to rapidly redeem our public debt is no reason, as the Georgia gentlemen insist, why we should let it and its attendant dangers be handed down to another and altogether innocent generation.

HOW SHALL THE COTTON PLANTER BE PROTECTED?

Our friends, the monopolists, are making arrangements to increase the already heavy tax on cotton ties, which the southern farmers are compelled to pay, on the ground that American labor must be protected. The ground is undoubtedly a good one, but is it broad enough? What is American labor? If American labor is to be protected, how does it happen that our friends, the monopolists, find it so convenient to propose measures for the protection of the farmers and cotton planters of the south? Indeed, we might go further and ask why our monopolist friends, who are also the friends of American labor, are in favor of robbing the southern farmer by placing an additional tax on cotton ties? Why bring sectionalism to bear in a matter of this kind? Why should the poverty-stricken farmer of the south pay an extra tax, ostensibly to "protect American labor," but really to add to the profits of a few Philadelphia manufacturers?

The truth is, there is no industrial interest in this country that stands more in need of protection than that which devotes itself to the raising of cotton. So far as we know, the cotton-raiser of the south, white and black, are the only American laborers who come directly in competition with the genuine product of labor of the old world, and there is no act of congress by which it can be prevented. At the same time, the results of this competition can be materially lightened by statesmanlike legislation. As there is no hope for this, certainly there is no impertinence in protesting against the McKinley spoliation bill.

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There is a movement in Italy to unite the Dante manuscripts (there are about 300 of them) now scattered among the various libraries of the country into a "Dante museum" in the Biblioteca Laurenziana at Florence.

A Kentucky girl, describing a visit to Longfellow, says there were two of his portraits in his library, one taken when he was quite young and the other recently and when they were alluded to be playfully remarked: "Yes, I am not an advocate of self-depression."

The salaries of the 31 English bishops amount to \$60,000, or an average of \$2,000 each. The aggregate salaries of the 175 benefited clergy are \$2,688,970, or an average of \$15,343 each. Nearly 4,000 clergymen have an average income of less than \$500.

The importation of Mediterranean fruit at the port of New York during the year 1881 consisted of 117 cargoes by English steamers and 27 cargoes by Italian and Norwegian sailing vessels, and comprised 9,223 boxes and cases of oranges and 863,401 boxes of lemons. The trade in Mediterranean fruit is a peculiar point of view did not meet the expectations of those engaged in it.

The Sandwich Island alphabet has 12 letters; the Burmese, 15; the Italian, 20; the Bengalee, 21; the Hebrew, 22; the Greek, 24; the Latin, 25; the German, Dutch, and English, 26 each; the Spanish, 27; the Arabic, 28; the Persian, 31; the Russian, 41; the Sanskrit, 46; and the Zibho, 16, 202.

A dealer who has been posting himself says that the buffalo crop of the upper Missouri, Yellowstone and Milk rivers will amount to 100,000 hides and 60,000 robes. With the river between Wolf Point and Carroll to hear from. The kill of a year ago, an unusually large one, amounted to 150,000 hides and 80,000 robes. The hides represent the animals killed by the white hunters, who waste most of the robes.

A KANSAS paper believes in the Indian's capacity for civilization more than ever, since receiving a call from White Eagle, chief of the Poncas. The visit was for the purpose of inserting an advertisement, an act of discretion which the editor commends to the white men of that vicinity. The chief had lost horses, and he must be impressed with the value of newspaper notices, for before the issue of his advertisement the Poncas were recovered and returned to him.

The commerce committee of the house has decided to insert in the river and harbor appropriation bill an item appropriating \$4,725,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river, to be expended between the mouth of the Illinois and the head of the Gulf of Mexico, and to be expended by the provisions of the bill is not to be much affected by the creation of levees to protect lands, but may be used to construct levees for the improvement of navigation. The remaining \$600,000 will be expended above Cairo in deepening and straightening the channel.

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The riot which has been going on between Deacon Richard Smith and Mr. Charles A. Dana has been composed. This is as it should be. Both of these distinguished journalists have been doing unintentional injustice to two worthy citizens of the only North American republic in existence.

The Easter card forwarded to Mr. Whately by Queen Victoria is quite a secular affair. It represents the great diplomat feeding the British lion on soothing syrup.

The president has nominated Roland Worthington, to be collector of Boston, with his readers. In this connection that for nominating Boston, to be collector of New York, without consulting Conkling and Platt, President Garfield was assassinated.

MONOPOLIST MCKINLEY, is sticking stiffly to his proposition to increase the already heavy tax on the cotton planter's ties, and the only argument he can advance in favor of it is the esteemed Macon Telegraph's thumping joke that the planters sell their ties at a profit.

But we digress. It should not be supposed that the coalition has gone out of business. The New York Sun is disposed to praise little Mr. Billy Chandler for admitting that Hayes was a fraud. The Sun goes too fast. Billy threatened to confess that he had bribed the Florida returning board, but Billy was careful never to put the confession on record. No, indeed. Billy never admitted that Hayes was a fraud.

PERSONAL.

SCHUYLER COLfax has written a letter positively declining to be again a candidate for congress.

WHILE the queen was en route to Clermont all the bid flew on board the Victoria and Albert yacht and was caught and sent to Windsor by the post. The post was only by taking signals, and the queen's carriage was not allowed to leave until it was ready to start.

MISS JELIA JACKSON, the daughter of Stone- wall Jackson, has a will of her own. "Remember," she once said to her mother haughtily, "that I am a Jackson." "Yes," said Mrs. Jackson, "and I am your mother."

S. P. COLE, who was remembered to the amount of \$50,000 by the late Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, was elected attorney general of Rhode Island Thursday. He has been assistant attorney general for the past two years. Mr. Vanderbilt frequently visited Mr. Cole at his home in Bristol.

DR. HOLMES is growing younger with every year. Shrewdness dwells in every wrinkle of his Yankee face, and mercurial sparkles in the clear honest eyes. He is, it is possible, wittier than ever, and he is livelier and more full of life than ever. He is a man of a hundred years, and he is a man of a hundred years.

LADY WILDE, Oscar's mother, receives "intellectual" every Saturday in a darkened room, dimly lighted by rose-shaded lamps, tea and refreshments being freely served. On these occasions Oscar, her elder brother, Willie, is the soul of the entertainment. He is a man of a hundred years, and he is a man of a hundred years.

CLARA MORRIS has ceased to play at the extra matinees at the Union Square because she has drawn crowds, and have drawn terribly also on the actress's nervous forces. She has been able to keep on her feet, but she is a woman of a hundred years, and she is a woman of a hundred years.

JOHN G. SAGE, the poet, who is so afflicted mentally in his old age, has a competency which was greatly increased some years ago by a fortunate speculation in Texas cattle-raising with his brother, John G. Sage. He was a man of a hundred years, and he is a man of a hundred years.

IRELAND STANFORD, the Central Pacific railroad magnate, owns a vineyard in Tohama county, California, over one thousand acres in extent. It is laid out in blocks and avenues and alleys, each variety of the vine having its own label. The vines are trained on trellises, and the fruit is of the finest quality. The vines are trained on trellises, and the fruit is

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